

I understand that radio industry lobbyists are trying to prevent XM satellite radio from airing traffic and weather reports, under NAB petition 04-010. I don't understand why you would even consider prohibiting XM radio from broadcasting these reports. Clearly the broadcast industry feels threatened by XM radio and is trying to stifle them with regulations rather than competing with XM in the marketplace. Let XM radio broadcast these reports, let the broadcast stations broadcast them, and let the market decide. XM will succeed or fail based on the quality of the product they provide and the public's willingness to pay for it. XM's many subscribers benefit from the quality and variety of XM programming. If broadcast stations must improve the quality of their product in response to fair competition from XM, then broadcast radio listeners benefit as well. There is no reason for the FCC to be involved in this issue.

Thank you.

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